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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

This week's newsletter features information on the newly launched Development Grants Program (DGP). Don't miss out on learning more about this funding opportunity geared towards the smaller NGO/PVO.

In addition to a number of articles we are also featuring the success story of Faithlinks OK and their "Be Ready" Campaign. Many natural disasters happen throughout the year all over the world and the "Be Ready" Campaign is helping to get the interfaith community involved in disaster response.

As always, there are a number of grant opportunities to read through.

Warmest regards,

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Volunteers for Prosperity*Experience Change***President Bush Calls on Congress to Make International Service Program Permanent**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President George W. Bush recently called upon the U.S. Congress to enact legislation making Volunteers for Prosperity a permanent program, engaging American professionals in flexible international volunteer service to the developing world.

Describing the work of professionals, President Bush noted, “These men and women save babies from malaria on the continent of Africa. They bring modern information technology to Afghanistan. They live out one of America’s strongest beliefs – that to whom much is given, much is required.”

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) manages Volunteers for Prosperity (VFP) under authority of an Executive Order signed by President Bush on September 25, 2003.

Over the past five years, Volunteers for Prosperity has helped to mobilize more than 117,000 skilled Americans, through a network of nearly 300 leading U.S. companies and non-profit organizations, in assignments ranging from a few weeks to several months and longer, in order to help those in need throughout the developing world. During the past year alone, more than 43,000 doctors, teachers, engineers, and other skilled Americans served to address critical human needs abroad.

VFP is managed by USAID in cooperation with USA Freedom Corps, the White House office responsible for coordinating the U.S. government’s national service programs such as, the Peace Corps and Citizen Corps.

To learn more about Volunteers for Prosperity, please visit www.volunteersforprosperity.gov.

United States Provides Over \$24 million for Economic Growth in Cambodia**Catholic Information Service for Africa (Nairobi)**

The U.S. Government and the Royal Government of Cambodia today signed a four-year bilateral agreement that will provide \$26 million in funding to support Cambodian priorities in economic growth. Of that amount, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will provide \$24 million in funding, and the Cambodian government will provide \$2 million of in kind support. U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John D. Negroponte and Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia, presided over the signing. H.E. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of The Office of the Council of Ministers, and Erin Soto, USAID Mission Director, signed on behalf of their respective governments.

In FY2008, the U.S. Government will provide \$8.2 million to achieve economic growth objectives. These funds will expand USAID's highly successful Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) program, seeking to improve the productivity of rural enterprises by connecting and strengthening all levels of an industry supply chain. The new program will expand this value chain work and add two new areas of focus: strengthening the voice of the private sector and strengthening the public sector's capacity to improve the business-enabling environment.

In addition to economic growth, USAID supports a broad range of programs designed to benefit all Cambodians, including health, education, human rights, rule of law, local governance and decentralization, anti-corruption, and combating trafficking in persons. USAID expects to commit \$57.5 million in total assistance to Cambodia in FY2008.

For more information about USAID programs in Cambodia, please visit our website at www.usaid.gov.

Addis Ababa – As millions of Ethiopians face drought, the American aid and development agency, Catholic Relief Services, has signed a USD 53.4 million agreement with the US government to provide almost 3 million Ethiopians with emergency food assistance.

Reprising its leadership of the Joint Emergency Operation Plan consortium, CRS will coordinate activities with CARE Ethiopia, Food for the Hungry International, Relief Society of Tigray, Save the Children-UK, Save the Children-US and World Vision Ethiopia to transport and distribute 75,140 metric tons of food.

The emergency distributions will assist 2,979,788 people, selected in consultation with the government of Ethiopia, US Agency for International Development (USAID) and the UN World Food Program. Those targeted live in the most severely-affected regions of Amhara, Oromia, Somali, Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples Region, and Tigray.

“After the short rains failed to come earlier this year in many pockets of Ethiopia, thousands of children began to show signs of malnutrition as families were left with little or nothing to eat,” explained Lane Bunkers, CRS' country representative in Ethiopia.

“Resulting delays in planting long-cycle crops coupled with continued poor rains are now leading to potential crop failures for millions more farmers during the upcoming October and November harvest – drastically reducing expected food stores for the coming year.”

Bunkers added that shipments of sorghum, wheat, pulses, corn soy blend and vegetable oil donated by the US, scheduled to begin arriving in late October, will help families survive the critical food

Ethiopia: U.S. Catholic Charity Gets help for Millions Hit by Famine



Bags of wheat provided by the U.S. Agency for International Development await distribution to HIV-positive people at the site of the CRS-supported Medical Missionaries of Mary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Photo by David Snyder for CRS

shortage.

Currently, food is unavailable for purchase locally. A considerable reduction in the government's emergency food reserve also prevents the ability to borrow food for distribution now and replacement later.

As a result, CRS is working with USAID to move 1500 metric tons of pre-positioned corn soy blend from Djibouti, which will be distributed this month to the elderly and to pregnant and nursing mothers in 34 of 63 districts targeted by the emergency plan.

CRS has already provided USD 125,000 in private funds to the Ethiopian Catholic Secretariat to help dioceses respond to local needs, particularly in support of emergency medical and feeding services. The charity has also given another USD 150,000 in private funding to the Missionaries of Charity to help them feed 10,000 additional people at two of their centers for the destitute and dying in Addis Ababa.

A USD 550,000 grant from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has also supported August and September distributions of seeds by CRS partners to more than 16,000 farmers in need in the Oromia region.

"Communities where we have implemented long-term agricultural and irrigation projects over the years are withstanding the drought significantly better than their neighbors," Bunkers noted. "We will continue to do everything we can to provide emergency relief, and we also urge donors to fund long-term development projects to prevent future crises."

PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI – The Administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance, Henrietta H. Fore announced today that the U.S. Government (USG) is providing \$9 million to Haiti for assistance in hurricane recovery. This money is in addition to over \$20 million already pledged for disaster recovery for a total of over \$29 million.

"Today I would like to announce that USAID will contribute \$7 million in food assistance to the emergency response following this recent spate of hurricanes that struck Haiti. This latest contribution to the U.N. Flash Appeal will enable World Food Program and PVO partners to respond to relief and recovery food aid needs in Haiti and brings the total Office of Food for Peace contribution for the Flash Appeal to \$14 million to date," said Fore at the announcement today in Port au Prince.

"The additional \$2 million is for the short and medium term repair of bridges and roads to facilitate the movement and distribution of emergency relief supplies. The impact of the storms on critical infrastructure such as roads and bridges has vastly complicated the relief effort by crippling land transportation. Engineering assessments

USAID Administrator Announces \$9 million in Aid to Haiti

are ongoing to rebuild or renovate several key bridges,” said Fore.

This year has been particularly challenging for the people of Haiti. Damages from hurricanes have been extensive. At this time, more than 850,000 people are displaced from their homes. USAID’s Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance is working closely with the U.S. military’s SOUTHCOM, the World Food Program, and others to provide assistance to those affected by these storms. Even before the hurricanes, an estimated 2.3 million Haitians were reported to have fallen into food insecurity. The prices for staple foods have increased over 40% since January, and more again since the storms.

So far this year the USG had provided \$279 million in assistance to Haiti. Since these devastating hurricanes, the USG has mobilized \$20.3 million for food, shelter, water, and relief activities and commodities (hygiene kits, water jugs, plastic sheeting, mosquito nets, and cooking materials) to be distributed through more than 70 missions by USAID, Homeland Security and the Department of Defense. The USS Kearsarge, which remains stationed off the coast near Port au Prince, has already transported 659 metric tons of commodities and safe drinking water.

USAID will continue to monitor the situation and will provide additional support as appropriate.

For more information about USAID’s emergency humanitarian assistance programs, please visit: [click here](#).

Red Cross Begins Emergency Food Distribution in Zimbabwe

AFP

For more information on the Zimbabwe food crisis, please [click here](#).

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Red Cross Red Crescent trucks will today (Wednesday 17 September) leave warehouses in Harare, Bulawayo and Mutare carrying 383 metric tons of food aid for vulnerable communities across the country.

As part of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies’ (IFRC) 27.7 million Swiss franc (26.8 million US dollar/ 17.1 million euro) food security operation, this initial deployment will provide almost 24,000 people in eight of Zimbabwe’s provinces with enough maize, beans and cooking oil to last for one month. A total of 260,100 people will be supported each month.

“This is a critical period for these communities,” says Peter Lundberg, the head of IFRC’s delegation in Harare. “They have already faced months without enough food and, for many families, the situation has deteriorated drastically in recent weeks.”

The chronic food situation in Zimbabwe is the result of an accumulation of a number of negative factors. Alternating droughts

and rain, influenced by climate change, has resulted in a disastrously underperforming 2008 harvest, one that is widely seen as the worst in the country's history. In addition, ongoing socio-economic decline has contributed to a severe lack of agricultural inputs such as seeds and fertilizers, leaving even fertile fields unsown.

On top of this the country's record hyper-inflation is now estimated at above 11 million per cent.

IFRC food distributions are planned to continue for the next nine months, supporting 260,100 people infected or affected by HIV and AIDS with 35,000 metric tons of food. This group, explains Françoise Le Goff, head of the IFRC's Southern Africa zone, is particularly vulnerable to food shortages.

"Many of these people are on anti-retroviral medication (ART). For these drugs to work effectively, people need food. Without a full stomach, many of those on ART are now choosing to default on their treatment as they can't cope with the debilitating side effects," says Ms Le Goff.

According to health authorities in Masvingo Province – one of the regions worst affected by the food crisis- 70 percent of people on ART have defaulted in recent months because of the lack of food. Once treatment is stopped, the HIV virus typically returns with a vengeance, causing a rapid deterioration in health.

President Bush praised Ghanaian President John Kufuor for his strong leadership and for active support in conflict resolution across Africa.

And Bush thanked Kufuor and the nation of Ghana for participation in 11 continuing U.N. peacekeeping operations, including efforts to bring about a resolution of the conflict in the Darfur region of Sudan. Kufuor was welcomed to the White House September 15 as part of a full state visit. "One of the initiatives that we're working on together is the fight against neglected tropical diseases," Bush said at a joint press briefing. "And the president brought me up to date on the strategy to deal with that important issue and how we can help." Ghana has been working closely with the United States on a malaria initiative Bush launched in 2005.

Since its inception, the malaria program has reached an estimated 25 million people in sub-Saharan Africa. The initiative is providing \$1.2 billion over five years to reduce malaria deaths by 50 percent in 15 African nations.

"And the good news is that this is a government that's very capable of taking American help and converting it into the kind of results that we all expect," Bush said.

Kufuor said Ghana once was dubbed "the white man's grave" because of the high number of deaths among Europeans who traveled there. Malaria "continues to plague much of Africa and perhaps is the

Bush Praises Strong Leadership of Ghanaian President Kufuor

America.gov (Washington, DC)

By Merle D. Kellerhals Jr.

biggest killer, even bigger than HIV/AIDS, of our people on the continent. The hefty support we are getting from the United States and under your watch is very welcome, and we hope to take it even further, again employing technologies and more scientific research," Kufuor said.

Similarly, Kufuor said, the United States has invested heavily in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Africa by giving more than \$20 billion.

Bush said he and Kufuor also discussed education and economic opportunities and that the United States supports vital educational partnerships with Ghana. "We're training teachers. We've issued 6,000 scholarships to girls," Bush said. "Under the president's leadership the education system is improving."

One of the Bush administration's most important economic development initiatives in Africa has been the Millennium Challenge Account. "It's an opportunity for the United States government to help countries that govern justly and invest in the health and education of their people and believe in market economies," Bush said. "Ghana is such a country. We're soon to begin spending \$547 million to renovate schools, increase agricultural productivity, expand infrastructure and support rural development," Bush said.

Kufuor acknowledged the closeness of U.S.-Ghanaian relations since Ghana attained independence in 1957, but also said he believed the relationship has grown stronger during his two terms as president. Both Bush and Kufuor leave office next year.

Bush visited Benin, Ghana, Liberia, Rwanda and Tanzania in February, announcing a series of economic, security, educational and health measures during the trip.

Kufuor said Millennium Challenge Account funding is significant because about 60 percent of the Ghanaian population is rural and depends on agriculture both for subsistence and for economic growth. He said the MCA will help Ghana develop more scientific and technological farming methods, making agriculture more attractive to the nation's youth.

"We are suffering as an economy adrift, very serious drift of the youth from the rural parts to the urban areas, which have not been planned to accommodate the drifts," Kufuor said. "And so now in our streets in the big towns you have street children. We believe the success of the Millennium Challenge Account will help stem all [these] anti-social developments."

Microsoft NGO Connection

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NGO Connection

This Web site supports nongovernmental organizations (NGOs, also known as nonprofit organizations) with instant access to resources that will help you advance your causes more quickly and with greater impact.

NGO Connection Offers:

- Discussion Forums
- Stories from other NGOs
- Software Grants and Products
- Software Support, Training, and Certification
- 5 Worldwide Partners

This new Web site has been created for nongovernmental organizations (NGOs, also commonly referred to as nonprofit organizations) as the one place where you can learn more about technology, learn how to use technology to achieve your goals more effectively, and access the resources Microsoft and our partners offer.

We are honored to work in partnership with thousands of organizations around the world like yours to help you achieve your mission by providing resources such as monetary, technology, and employee volunteer support. If you need to know how to use software applications, search the Internet, build a Web site, communicate more effectively, or manage your business, we can help. Our goal is to support you in your work—creating positive impact for communities around the world. We developed NGO Connection based on feedback from many of you, and we sincerely hope you will take time to explore fully the available resources. At Microsoft, we continuously seek ways to enhance social and economic development for underserved communities by establishing partnerships with governments and NGOs. I hope this site takes us one step closer to achieving those goals together.

Sincerely,



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Administrator Hesteria Fore and President Bush at July 24 event at Ronald Reagan Building observing Captive Nations Week.

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US to Provide \$48B to Fight AIDS, Malaria, TB

By *Bex Barber*

President Bush signed a bill July 30 providing \$48 billion over five years to fight AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis.

The lion's share of the money—\$39 billion—will more than double the \$15 billion spent since 2003 under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

PEPFAR has been widely recognized abroad as a successful example of U.S. foreign assistance on par with the post-World War II Marshall Plan. It placed 1.7 million people on lifesaving antiretroviral medication. More than half of PEPFAR's \$4.6 billion budget in 2007 was spent through USAID.

The bill signed by the president is called the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States



Africans line up for AIDS care and treatment. U.S. assistance, which was nearly tripled to \$4 billion next five years under a bill signed July 30 by President Bush.

Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008.

It authorizes \$39 billion for HIV/AIDS, \$5 billion for malaria, and \$4 billion for TB

over five years. The bill also gives USAID a joint response to Global Access to HIV-1 Test Results and food and

Bush Tells USAID to Keep Democracy Focus

By *Hol Lipp*

President Bush addressed more than 600 diplomats, democracy activists, and USAID employees in the Ronald Reagan Building July 24 to hail the Agency's work supporting freedom and democracy around the world during the seven years of his administration.

"I want to thank all those who work for this very important Agency. I appreciate you being on the front lines of compassion and decency and liberty," Bush told Administrator Hesteria Fore.

He spoke during Captive Nations Week, observed during July each year since it was set up in 1959 by President Eisenhower to take note of countries suppressed by Soviet communism.

Those countries are now independent. Bush said today's "captive nations" are now

oppressed not by foreign powers but by their own dictators, such as Iran, Sudan, Syria, and Zimbabwe. Even countries which the United States had

good relations with, such as Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and China, have been asked to improve human rights.

Bush said his administration has worked to spread democracy in Iraq, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Georgia, Lebanon, and the Congo. He said Kuwait, Liberia, Morocco, and Pakistan have also advanced democracy.

USAID and the State Department played a central role in these efforts through more than \$1 billion a year in support for elections, legislative training, the free press, civil society, and other elements vital for democracy.

Bush also looked to the future—beyond the final months of his second term—and called upon the next presidents to continue to support freedom around the world.

He said U.S. leaders since George Washington believed freedom was a universal cause

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NATO Signs Agreement to Use Aidmatrix Network® for Disaster Relief



Brussels, September 16, 2008 -- Today NATO EADRCC and the Aidmatrix Foundation announced their agreement to set up a partnership to help NATO EADRCC meet the challenge of managing donations in civil disaster scenarios. The agreement is with EADRCC (Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre), NATO's principal civil crisis response mechanism, which coordinates assistance in the Euro-Atlantic area from NATO Allies and Partners to countries that have been struck by a major disaster.

"Right now, we are handling all logistics with whiteboard, spreadsheets and brains", said Guenter Bretschneider, Head of EADRCC. "After witnessing the success of Aidmatrix software solutions during recent emergencies in the US for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), we are convinced that this is the right step for our organization to better handle donations in times of crisis. Aidmatrix Network® will make us faster, more transparent, more efficient."

Shari Temple, Managing Director, Aidmatrix Europe: "Aidmatrix Network® provides a single location to capture and report the full picture of need, donations, and delivery in real time. Whether it is product or volunteers, Aidmatrix Network instantly makes requirements from the field available to potential donors and vice versa. This also prevents unnecessary donations from getting in the way of critical life-saving efforts."

NATO EADRCC plans to launch the Aidmatrix Network® in late September. It will be available to 63 countries. These are the 50 Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC) member countries - NATO Allies and Partners, the "Mediterranean Dialogue Countries", the "Istanbul Cooperation Initiative Countries" as well as Afghanistan and Kosovo. About The Aidmatrix Foundation, Inc.

The Aidmatrix Foundation, Inc. builds and operates powerful technology solutions that support diverse stakeholders in their efforts to work together to solve the world's most challenging humanitarian crises. More than 35,000 leading corporate, nonprofit and government partners leverage our solutions to mobilize more than \$1.5 billion in aid annually, worldwide.

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About Euro Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre (EADRCC)
The EADRCC was established in 1998 as a partnership tool of NATO Civil Emergency Planning and is NATO's principal civil crisis response mechanism. The Centre stands ready, year round, on a 24- hour basis, to respond to civil emergency situations in the Euro-Atlantic area and to function as a clearing-house for coordinating requests and offers of assistance. The coordination activities involve close cooperation with NATO Military Authorities and consultations with the United Nations' Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA).

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Development Grants Program

On September 8, 2008, the USAID Office of Development Partners held a launch event for the Development Grants Program. The DGP was established by Section 674 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008. the purpose of the DGP is to create new partnership opportunities for U.S. Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) and indigenous NGOs that have had limited or no prior funding from USAID. It is also to ensure that relatively less experienced grantees have access to technical assistance that enables them to improve their planning and management systems and the other competencies needed to successfully implement USAID-funded activities under the DGP.

Two Annual Program Statements (APS) requesting concept papers from indigenous NGOs and U.S. PVOs were posted on Friday, August 29, 2008 on www.grants.gov. Competitive awards will support Missions' priority sectors in Environment, Dairy, Microenterprise, Women's Empowerment, Water and Democracy and Governance. USAID seeks applications that are based on the comparative advantage NGOs and U.S. PVOs have in these technical and geographic areas that would allow them to make effective contributions to the priority development sectors outlined in the APS.

Eligible PVOs are those that have received \$5 million or less from USAID during the past 5 years. The awards will be for three years and could range in size from \$50,000 to \$2 million. The DGP involves a two step submission and review process. Initial concept papers are due on November 5, 2008. Applicants with successful concept papers will be asked to submit full applications. Not all approved concept papers will receive funding.

Additional resources are provided on the USAID Private Voluntary Cooperation website including links to the APSs, supplemental information provided by USAID Missions explaining each country's sector priorities and providing a Mission

USAID is seeking applications for the Develop Grants Program (DGP) Annual Program Statement (APS). The United States Government, through USAID, seeks applications from prospective U.S. Private Voluntary Organizations (US PVOs) to implement development activities in support of USAID programmatic goals in specified countries with USAID Missions. The authority for the DGP is found in Section 674 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008. In support of selected USAID Missions' priority sectors of Environment, Dairy, Micro enterprise, Women's Empowerment, Water and Democracy and Governance, the Office of Development Partners in USAID/W is initiating a new program, entitled the Development Grants Program, to provide opportunities for development organizations that have had limited prior funding from USAID. This program provides for a two-step procurement process. The first step is a request for concept papers (RFCP). The second step is the process in which USAID requests organizations with the best concept papers to submit a full application. USAID seeks applications that are based on the comparative advantage U.S. PVOs have in certain technical or geographic areas that would allow them to make effective contributions to the priority development sectors outlined in this APS. As of August 29, 2008, Concept papers received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 will be considered for review. Concept Papers submitted late or after the November 5, 2008 deadline will be reviewed prior to the expiration date of the APS (January 29, 2009). All applications received by the deadline for the APS will be reviewed for responsiveness to the specifications outlined in these guidelines and the application format. Applications that are incomplete run the risk of not being considered in the review process. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID invites applications from indigenous Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) interested in the newly established Development Grants Program. The United States Government, through USAID, will seek applications from prospective local NGO partners to implement development activities in support of USAID programmatic goals in specified countries. Selected USAID Missions in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe and Eurasia regions will participate. In support of selected USAID Missions' priority sectors of Environment, Dairy, Micro enterprise, Women's Empowerment, Water and Democracy and Governance, the Office of Development Partners in USAID/W is initiating a new program, entitled the Development Grants Program, to provide opportunities to development organizations that have had limited prior funding from USAID. This program provides for a two-step process. The first step is a request for concept papers. The second step is the process in which USAID requests organizations with the best concept papers to submit a full application. USAID seeks applications that are based on the

contact; Q&A on the draft DGP APS; and guidance and forms for registering as a US PVO with USAID.

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For more information of the DGP, [click here](#) or go to [click here](#).

'Be Ready' is Theme; Campaign Enlists Churches in Preparing For Disasters

Publisher: The Oklahoman (Oklahoma City, OK)

By: Carla Hinton

On the Web For more information about the "Be Ready" campaign and to register as a campaign participant, go online to www.FaithLinksOK.org.

Hurricane Gustav evacuees have received services this week from faith-based groups such as Catholic Charities of Oklahoma and the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma's disaster relief teams.

Robin Jones, director of the state Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives, said people naturally turn to the faith community in times of crisis.

That's the premise behind her agency's new "Be Ready" campaign, which is challenging the faith community to prepare for emergency and disaster situations.

"All faith congregations are purpose-driven," Jones said.

"For me, it's kind of reminding them that the faith community is where the heart turns for hope."

Jones said the campaign is in conjunction with September's designation as National Preparedness Month. The campaign is a partnership between Jones' agency, United Way of Central Oklahoma, the state Department of Human Services and the Central Oklahoma Red Cross.

"I think there is an ongoing, evolving interest in emergency preparedness," she said.

"Our goal is basically to engage churches and encourage them to be aware of the many opportunities to serve in emergency situations."

Jones said the effort will receive special emphasis the weekend of Sept. 27-28, "Be Ready Sunday/Weekend," for churches, synagogues, mosques and other houses of worship.

Jones said the Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives is encouraging congregations to get campaign materials from her office and to organize special activities and services so they can become better informed about emergency preparedness.

Jones said she hopes, more than anything, the campaign encourages houses of worship to work with each other and local agencies. She said the ice storm of December 2007 demonstrated that there was a gap in preparation.

"There just needs to be more orchestration as opposed to an isolated response," she said.

She said several educational sessions and luncheons were held in recent months to discuss the campaign, and most clergy were excited about the initiative.



And some churches, such as Midwest City Free Methodist Church, 6500 E Reno in Midwest City, have been leaders in emergency preparation, she said.

The Rev. Denise Abston, the church's pastor, said following two major disasters in the community, the congregation helped clear debris and converted several Sunday school classes into shelter for displaced people. She said church members served meals for more than 40 people over nine days during one emergency.

Abston said that during the 2007 ice storm, the church opened its doors and offered showers and shelter for people without electricity or heat.

Despite the many ways the church is already involved in disaster and emergency preparedness, Abston said her church plans to distribute "Be Ready" campaign information cards on "Be Ready Sunday" and she plans to ask the Red Cross to make a presentation to the congregation.

The "Be Ready" campaign offers ways congregations can serve their communities, including:

- Hosting a disaster response volunteer training.
- Contacting the Red Cross Emergency Service Department to develop a disaster partnership.
- Creating a list of health care professionals in the congregation.
- Having an emergency kit for your staff.
- Distributing your congregation's contact information to off-site locations.

On the Web For more information about the "Be Ready" campaign and to register as a campaign participant, go online to www.FaithLinksOK.org.

September 2008: National Preparedness Month

In the midst of a crisis, people naturally turn to local faith communities. Since it is within the stated mission of most faith organizations to serve others, it is important that they be informed and ready, logistically, during times of need. By having a plan and specific items available for unexpected disasters, faith congregations can help provide for the well being and safety of local families. A preparedness plan for families, congregations, and communities saves time, resources, money, and most importantly lives

Opportunities for engagement:

Insert the "Be Ready" information card in your weekly service bulletin or print the information in your newsletter.

Volunteer your facility to be a host shelter during an emergency or disaster.*

Host a Red Cross disaster information and preparedness presentation for your congregation and/or community.*

Determine who in your congregation and/or specific geographic area around your facility has special needs (mobility, disabilities, or medical); develop a plan to check on them during an emergency and provide assistance, as necessary.

Schedule a training session to educate and prepare families in your congregation for an emergency, and train 10 members in CPR and First Aid.*

Individually or corporately participate in Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Contact your local Office of Emergency Management for more information about trainings in your area.

Attend a comprehensive Disaster Relief Training Session. One of these sessions is being presented by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma (BGCO) on Saturday, October 4, 2007, 8AM-3PM. For more information, see www.bgco.org/5316.

Review www.ready.gov and http://www.ok.gov/homeland/Ready_Oklahoma/ for more information.

*Contact your local Red Cross Office (www.redcross.org) for further information.

Let the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives know your congregation's plan to participate in National Preparedness Month by [registering](#) its intention here. The first 25 faith-based organizations to register will receive three hand-crank flashlights for their



Faithlink OK is working to reach the interfaith community in Oklahoma by working with United Way of Oklahoma, the Red Cross, and the state Department of Human Services. Disaster preparedness is an important issue in a state that just last year claimed the most Disaster Declarations over any other state. United Way offered a \$1,000 grant to faith-based organizations for disaster preparedness; a spring board to help faith-based organizations and institutions aid in disaster relief.

An important part of the "Be Ready" campaign is simply getting churches and faith centers to start thinking about how they can help. A marketing campaign to work through the faith media has been launched to get the word out about "Be Ready." The Red Cross has helped to register churches as disaster shelters. "Be Ready Sundays" and "Be Ready Weekends" are geared toward all faiths; they can order "Be Ready" cards from the faithlinks website, [Be Ready Weekend](#), [Be Ready Sunday](#).



Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION: Pre-register for the meeting and join the ACVFA list serve, [click here](#). Participants will be able to register on site; pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Questions, please contact Jocelyn Rowe, ACVFA Executive Director, at jrowe@usaid.gov or 202-712-4002.

PUBLIC MEETING: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH

You are cordially invited to attend the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid's (ACVFA) public meeting. The meeting is free and open to the public.

National Press Club Ballroom
529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor, Washington, DC 20045

The closest Metro stop is Metro Center. Parking is available at garages in the area.

Thursday, October 2, 2008, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (end time is approximate)

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (*topics are subject to change and do not necessarily reflect the order of the agenda*)

Keynote: Henrietta H. Fore, USAID Administrator and Director of United States Foreign Assistance, will speak on key issues before USAID and the foreign assistance community including outcomes from the High Level Forum in Accra on Aid Effectiveness and the United Nations General Assembly. She will also address the draft recommendations of the ACVFA Subcommittee on Public Outreach.

American Awareness of U.S. Foreign Assistance: The ACVFA's Subcommittee on Public Outreach will provide its draft recommendations to the full Committee and the general public. A respondent will provide feedback regarding the draft.

The ACVFA is an expert body that advises USAID and other U.S. government agencies on international development and humanitarian assistance issues. ACVFA members are private citizens appointed by the USAID Administrator and serve without compensation. The committee's public meetings, held three times per year, serve as forums for consultation between the public and private sectors on a broad range of foreign assistance matters.

On October 3, 2008, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Texas Governor's Faith-Based and Community Initiative, led by OneStar Foundation, will host "A Partnership Summit to Advance Innovation and Community Impact" in Dallas, Texas, to highlight and strengthen the role of faith-based and community organizations in meeting the needs of their communities. Providing new resources and partnership opportunities for participants, this event will offer tools and training on a variety of topics including capacity building, resource development and management, and accessing State and Federal resources to address human need.

A PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT TO ADVANCE INNOVATION AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

HOSTED BY THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
AND
THE STATE OF TEXAS' ONESTAR FOUNDATION

Friday, October 3rd
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

The Westin Park Central
Highway 635 and Coit Road
12720 Merit Drive
Dallas, Texas 75251
(972) 385-3000

This will be the 40th and final conference hosted by President Bush's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Each event, held across the country and around the world, has been designed to strengthen the services offered by frontline service organizations and expand government partnerships with them to serve the needy. This Summit will celebrate the success of these partnerships— and highlight ways they will continue to grow and impact in the years ahead. Breakout sessions will feature information on State and Federal grants and practical guidance on the grant-writing process; opportunities for non-financial collaboration between government and nonprofit programs; and successful practices of effective human service organizations.

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Registration is granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register online at www.fbc.gov by Tuesday, September 23rd. While online registration is strongly encouraged, those who are unable to register online may print and complete the attached form and fax it to 703-299-4589. If you are not able to view this file, please call 202-456-6708 to have a form faxed to you. To cancel a registration, please send an email to fbc@dtihg.com or a fax to the number listed above so we may accommodate as many people as possible.

For more information, please visit the conference section of www.fbc.gov or send an email to fbc@dtihg.com.

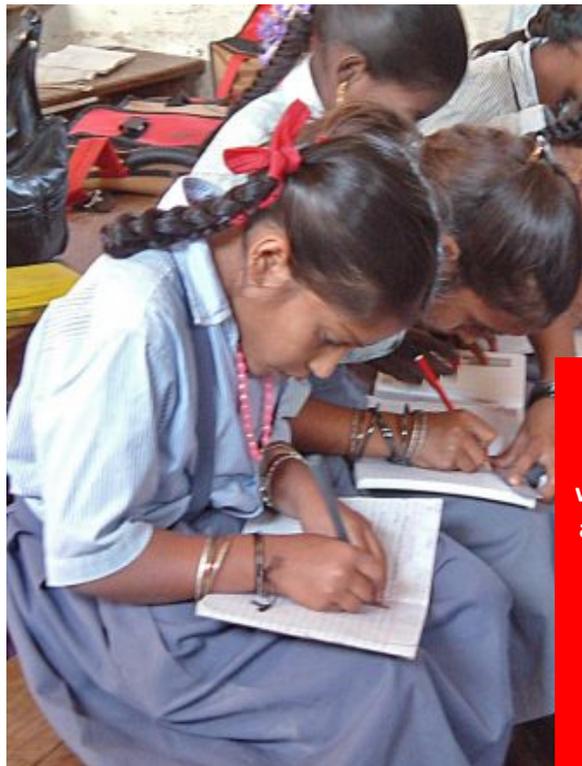
We very much hope you will be able to join us in Dallas!

USAID Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

The Role of FBCOs in Basic Education Meeting

USAID Headquarters
1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington D.C. 20523

Specifics about this fall meeting coming soon!



The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in partnership with the President's Education Initiative and the Basic Education Technical Working Group cordially invite you to join us for a discussion of the role of Faith-Based and Community organizations in the field of Basic Education.

Dr. Thomas Corts, the Coordinator for Basic Education, will be discussing new developments in Foreign Assistance in the Education sector. This is a great opportunity to learn more

**INTRODUCTORY SECURITY
MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP FOR
HUMANITARIAN & FAITH-BASED
ORGANIZATIONS**



The Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) and InterAction invite the designated security representatives of humanitarian and faith-based organizations to attend a one-day introductory workshop on how to plan and implement security management within your organizations.

Form more information, please [click here.](#)



CONFERENCE ON PROTECTION OF **UNACCOMPANIED AND SEPARATED CHILDREN**

October 22-24, 2008 • George Mason University • Fairfax

The purpose of the conference is to help improve the timelines and effectiveness of protection for unaccompanied and separated children. Worldwide, more than 1.6 million children are unaccompanied or separated from their parents among populations of refugees, the internally displaced, stateless people, migrants, and asylum seekers. In addition, some 1.2 million children each year are victims of human trafficking. Without protection by parents or adult family members, these children are vulnerable to exploitation for sex, forced labor, neglect of their needs, and denial of their rights.

Timely, systematic, and effective interventions are hindered by long delays (sometimes years) in identifying individuals, inadequate training of field workers, ad hoc approaches to temporary care, and insufficient collaboration among service providers. The application of Best Interest Determinations is limited in scope, principally to refugee resettlement cases.

Last year, the Executive Committee of UNHCR, in its Conclusion on Children at Risk, identified being unaccompanied or separated as a risk factor for child exploitation, and called on States, UNHCR, other partners to collaborate and adopt measures to identify children at risk, prevent their separation when possible, facilitate family tracing and re-unification, and put into place mechanisms to give them care and priority attention.

The conference program is designed for child welfare practitioners, researchers, mental health service providers, managers and policy makers from governments, non-governmental humanitarian and social service organizations, international organizations, and academic institutions. Specifically, the conference will:

- Identify successful policies, practices, and forms of collaboration among states, international organizations, and NGOs;
- Raise awareness of the issue and build relationships among practitioners and researchers;
- Support the UNHCR Executive Committee Conclusion on Children at Risk;
- Strengthen capacities to undertake Best Interest Determinations.

Conference sessions will address:

- Identification and documentation
- International law framework: Respective Jurisdictions and

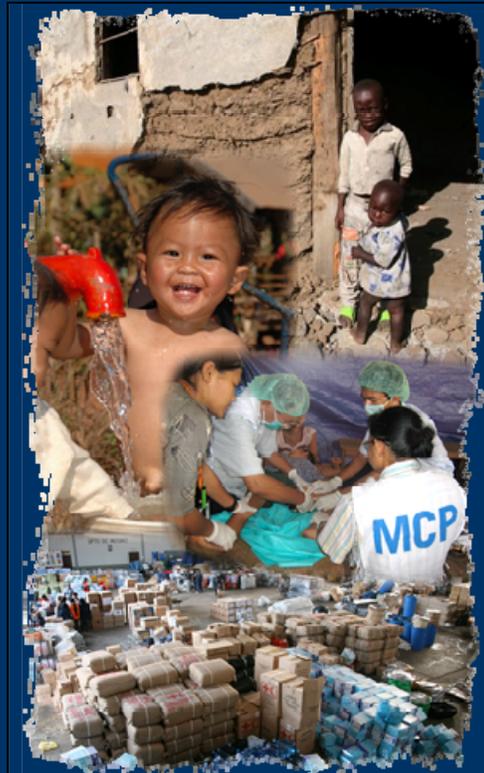
For more information on the conference visit

<http://childalone.gmu.edu>

roles: governments, international organizations and NGOs

- Family tracing and reunification
- Protection in mixed migration flows
- Safe repatriation
- Best Interest Determinations
- Temporary and long term care
- The role of interested adults as guardians and representatives
- Legal remedies in immigration and asylum cases
- Psychosocial issues
- Protection from labor and sexual exploitation

Forum on Relief & Development



The Forum on Relief and Development will be held November 18-20, 2008 at the beautiful Glen Eyrie campus in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Hear the latest on vital topics such as: the Global Food Crisis and engage in targeted conversation groups that encourage peer-to-peer learning, amongst other activities.

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

USAID FUNDING

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Kosovo USAID would like to make a special call for concept papers that relate to the health sector in Kosovo. Specifically, USAID is seeking to partner with qualified institutions willing to devote resources that will help improve the health of women and children in Kosovo. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2008. For more information, [click here.](#)

Iraq USAID-Baghdad is seeking applications from qualified organizations to implement the next phase of the Iraq Community Action Program (CAP III). CAP will promote diverse and representative citizen participation throughout Iraq will engage and assist local government in articulating and acting on needs identified by communities and will assist innocent victims of military operations.

As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Sep 30, 2008. For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP)- seeks information from potential grantees or participants as to their interest, priorities and capacities to participate in or undertake a Leader/Associates Award, i.e., cooperative agreement, to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of Title II food aid programs. The purpose of the cooperative agreement is to improve the FFP program technical and operational procedures and to promote best practices through coordination and delivery of capacity building and technical assistance for new and current Title II food aid cooperating sponsors, prospective cooperating sponsors and programs worldwide. As of August 26, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is October 4, 2008. For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID, OFDA- In order to address the impact of food price increases in the Sahel, OFDA is targeting five countries for funding: Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal. Key points related to program funding:

- Programs can be short or medium term in length (up to three years).
- Programs should address the issues related to food insecurity caused by increasing food prices.
- Programs can be regional or country specific as appropriate, as long as partner capacity and assessed need are fully incorporated into the decision.
- OFDA will prioritize interventions based on representative and methodologically sound assessment data.
- OFDA will prioritize interventions that align with the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) and that focus on Pillar III.
- OFDA will prioritize interventions that link into Development Assistance funded initiatives where possible and practical.

OFDA's primary objective will be dual-fold: 1) to address high levels of food insecurity and malnutrition while 2) reducing the risk of increased food insecurity, malnutrition and further deterioration of livelihoods. OFDA realizes that the most affected households may not be located in the same geographic areas where potential partners are currently operating. Populations that are most vulnerable to market shocks and subsequent rising food prices will be prioritized for all interventions. Specifically, OFDA will aim to 1) improve the purchasing power of food insecure populations; 2) improve access to markets among rural, urban, and pastoral populations; 3) increase productivity of subsistence farmers and pastoralists; 4) reduce current spikes in acute malnutrition; and 5) reduce the risk of increased acute malnutrition. As of August 22, 2008, the closing date for application is October 17, 2008. For more information, [click here.](#)

Ghana USAID – Accra- The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to solicit applications for funding from prospective partners to support the scaling up of HIV/AIDS prevention activities for persons engaged in high-risk behaviors (PEHRB) in Ghana. The United States Government, through USAID/Ghana, is seeking from prospective partners, Concept Papers to be followed by full applications (if concept papers are selected) to implement activities to scale up HIV/AIDS prevention activities for persons engaged in high-risk

behavior (PEHRB) in Ghana. The USAID/Ghana anticipates awarding a limited number of grants or cooperative agreements (hereinafter called Agreements) for a period of no less than one year and no more than three years. Meanwhile, depending on the successful implementation, needs and availability of funds, the period of performance could be extended by one or two additional years. As of September 11, 2008, the closing date for APS submissions is October 17, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Ghana USAID – Accra- The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID/Ghana) is seeking applications from qualified organizations to implement a program to place 260 community teachers in basic schools in the Millennium Development Authority (MiDA) operational areas of Ghana. The authority for the RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. The objectives of the community teacher program is to: 1) recruit, train, and support community teachers for the MiDA and ODC schools; 2) build the capacity of district education offices, head teachers, SMCs/PTAs to support the community teachers as a means to addressing on-going teacher shortages; 3) assist community teachers in improving their teaching qualifications to increase the chances that these teachers are incorporated into the formal Ghana Education Service (GES) professional teaching cadre. As of September 12, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is October 17, 2008. For more information on this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Thailand USAID-Bangkok is issuing this Request for Applications to implement an Alternative Development Program to increase licit and commercially viable agricultural-based alternatives for rural Afghans with the goal of significantly reducing and ultimately eradicating poppy production throughout Afghanistan. Subject to the availability of funds, this competitively awarded five year Cooperative Agreement shall focus across those provinces within the north, east and west of Afghanistan where poppy eradication has been showing success, security issues are comparatively reduced and opportunities are most abundant. Examples of current priority provinces are Nangarhar, Nuristan, Kunar and Laghman, Badakhshan, and Takhar. The Agreement shall be outcomes based focused on results. Applicants shall compete with proposed solutions that meet the requirements of the RFA and are tailored to an optimal technical / business approach. The goal is to contribute to the creation of full and part-time and year-round and seasonal jobs, increased sales, strengthened associations, increased exports and improved access to services to promote licit economic growth and positive alternatives to the illicit economy for farmers and non-farmers alike. As of August 14, 2008, the closing date for applications is October 27, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Jordan USAID – Amman is currently seeking to implement education activities that support USAID/Jordan's Assistance Agreement for Investing in People No. 13 (Strategic Objective No. 13) which is an integrated program to improve the health, education and life skills for

all Jordanians. USAID's education support shall "Improve and Expand Basic Education" and provide "Greater Opportunities for Youth through Expanded Work and Life Skills." As of September 8, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is October 31, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Thailand USAID-Bangkok is currently seeking concept papers from qualified non-governmental organizations capable of designing and implementing model projects that will provide support to people with disabilities in Danang and surrounding areas. Programs and activities could include, but are not limited to enhancing earlier intervention for those who are disabled, providing support to existing rehabilitation clinics and services, expanding access of people with disabilities to essential health and education services, initiating or strengthening community based rehabilitation services and support, improving income generation and employment opportunities, strengthening the capacity of local organizations to provide services, improved community-based information around reducing risk exposure, and surveillance and prevention of disability. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is Dec 04, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

Bangladesh USAID-Dhaka is requesting applications to restore livelihoods and provide increased and sustained livelihood opportunities for the cyclone-affected population in southern Bangladesh. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is January 15, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID is seeking applications for the Develop Grants Program (DGP) Annual Program Statement (APS). The United States Government, through USAID, seeks applications from prospective U.S. Private Voluntary Organizations (US PVOs) to implement development activities in support of USAID programmatic goals in specified countries with USAID Missions. The authority for the DGP is found in Section 674 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008. In support of selected USAID Missions' priority sectors of Environment, Dairy, Micro enterprise, Women's Empowerment, Water and Democracy and Governance, the Office of Development Partners in USAID/W is initiating a new program, entitled the Development Grants Program, to provide opportunities for development organizations that have had limited prior funding from USAID. This program provides for a two-step procurement process. The first step is a request for concept papers (RFCP). The second step is the process in which USAID requests organizations with the best concept papers to submit a full application. USAID seeks applications that are based on the comparative advantage U.S. PVOs have in certain technical or geographic areas that would allow them to make effective contributions to the priority development sectors outlined in this APS. **As of August 29, 2008, Concept papers received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 will be considered for review.** Concept Papers submitted late or after the November 5, 2008 deadline will be reviewed prior to the expiration date of the APS (January 29, 2009). All applications received by the

deadline for the APS will be reviewed for responsiveness to the specifications outlined in these guidelines and the application format. Applications that are incomplete run the risk of not being considered in the review process. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID invites applications from indigenous Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) interested in the newly established Development Grants Program. The United States Government, through USAID, will seek applications from prospective local NGO partners to implement development activities in support of USAID programmatic goals in specified countries. Selected USAID Missions in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe and Eurasia regions will participate. In support of selected USAID Missions' priority sectors of Environment, Dairy, Micro enterprise, Women's Empowerment, Water and Democracy and Governance, the Office of Development Partners in USAID/W is initiating a new program, entitled the Development Grants Program, to provide opportunities to development organizations that have had limited prior funding from USAID. This program provides for a two-step process. The first step is a request for concept papers. The second step is the process in which USAID requests organizations with the best concept papers to submit a full application. USAID seeks applications that are based on the comparative advantage NGOs have in certain technical or geographic areas that would allow them to make effective contributions to the priority development sectors outlined in this APS. As of August 29, 2008, **Concept papers received no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on Wednesday, November 5, 2008** will be considered for review. Concept Papers submitted late or after the November 5, 2008 deadline will be reviewed prior to the expiration date of the APS (January 29, 2009). For more information, [click here](#).

Nigeria USAID-Abuja has posted a cooperative agreement for registered Nigerian indigenous organizations, U.S. and non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGO), faith-based organizations (FBO), community-based organizations (CBO), foundations, private organizations affiliated with public academic institutions, parastatals, professional organizations, non-profit organizations, and for-profit organizations willing to forego profit. They are looking for proposals to strengthen civil society to combat HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is January 31, 2009. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Sudan USAID seeks observation applications covering the entirety of the electoral process, from establishment of the National Election Commission through resolution of post-polling disputes. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date on this announcement is February 16, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Kazakhstan USAID-Almaty This USAID/Central Asian Republics (CAR) Annual Program Statement (APS) solicits applications from prospective partners to implement maternal and child health activities in Tajikistan. USAID expects that the total level of funding available

under this APS for activities in Tajikistan would be up to \$3.5 million. Based on these figures, funding requests are expected to range from a minimum of \$200,000 up to a maximum of \$3.5 million (if activities are proposed to cover all program objectives), for expenditure over a period of up to five years. Funding will not exceed \$700,000 per year; awards for projects of more than one year will be funded incrementally. All awards are subject to the availability of funding. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is June 24, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID is seeking applications from eligible institution as described in Section A.1.e., that promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in Iran. Applications should advance one or more of the following objectives: strengthening civil society organization and advocacy; increasing awareness of and strengthening the rule of law; and expanding freedom of information. USAID intends to make several awards under this APS for a total of up to \$20 million. Applicants can request \$100,000 to \$3,000,000 for expenditure for a maximum of two years. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and all applications must be submitted by June 30, 2009. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is June 30, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

South Africa USAID-Pretoria - USAID/Madagascar is committed to increasing sustainable access to safe drinking water and sanitation and is interested in implementing programs in selected areas of the country. Pending the availability of funding, USAID/Madagascar anticipates awarding up to three cooperative agreements to fund applications submitted in response to this Water Program Annual Program Statement (Water APS). Applicants are expected to provide a 25% cost share. USAID anticipates that the program described in this Water APS will be implemented between January 1, 2009 and September 30, 2013. As of September 18, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is September 12, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

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Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor- The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote human rights, the rule of law, civil society, media freedom and freedom of information in North Korea. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is September 15, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor- DRL invites organizations to submit proposals outlining program concepts and capacity to manage projects in Cuba. U.S. assistance to Cuba seeks to accompany and support Cubans on the island as they articulate and pursue their vision for their own future. Priority will be placed on proposals that take a holistic, complete approach to build and

professionalize Cuban civil society. Proposed projects should strengthen independent Cuban civil society's ability to: Connect with one another, for example by forming networks or coalitions, sharing information, and building trust; Define problems and issues of common interest, and develop a shared vision of positive change for the future; Conduct outreach, especially to the provinces, using creative and engaging means to articulate that vision/goals to the broader Cuban public; Recruit further support and action among the Cuban public toward those goals; Carry out civil society activities designed to advance those goals/vision; Disseminate information about civil society activities back to the Cuban public; Collect information/opinions from the Cuban public about the direction and activities of independent civil society; and/or Adjust civil society goals and actions based on such information. Proposals that involve ongoing mentoring and coaching of civil society are encouraged. As of September 8, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is October 6, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- Limited funding is available to support the repatriation and reintegration of Burundi and DRC refugees and/or necessary care and maintenance for refugees in camps/settlements (Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda). Priority sectors include: protection, shelter, health, water/sanitation, livelihood promotion, primary education, and gender-based violence prevention and response. Repatriation and reintegration proposals should focus on areas of high refugee return where new refugee returnees make up at least 50% of targeted beneficiaries. Proposals for care and maintenance activities should reflect up to date changes in refugee population numbers due to influx or return. Priority will be given to proposals from organizations that can demonstrate: (1) a working relationship with UNHCR and 2008/2009 UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities and/or overall country program; (2) appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations; (3) a proven track record in providing proposed assistance to Burundi and DRC refugees and/or returnees and in the specified sector; (4) evidence of coordination with host government and other international and non-governmental organizations; (5) evidence of coordination with development organizations and a well-developed transition strategy; and (6) a concrete implementation plan with well-conceived objectives and indicators. For more details on this specific opportunity, please click the "Full Announcement" Grants.gov link above. For PRM's general NGO guidelines, please click the Grants.gov "How to Apply" link above. After you've read both documents, please contact Program Officer Wendy Henning Henningwl@state.gov with any technical questions. Funding opportunity announcements and PRM's general NGO guidelines are also on PRM's website. As of September 8, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is October 15, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- Limited funding is available to support NGOs working with UNHCR in Kenya. 1. Programs

will benefit refugees in Kenya. While PRM encourages activities that include the local host population, NGOs should concentrate on care/maintenance activities for refugees in a camp environment. At least 50% of beneficiaries must be refugees. Proposals may focus on protection, health, water, sanitation, shelter, education, community services, psychosocial support, and livelihoods development and training. 2. PRM will give priority to proposals from organizations that can demonstrate: • a working relationship with UNHCR in country and UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities ; • a proven track record in providing proposed refugee assistance in Kenya and in the sector; • evidence of coordination with the host government and other international and non-governmental organizations working in the area of activity. [Note: PRM will share budget and project activity information with appropriate ministries, local officials, and other USG entities] As of September 8, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is October 15, 2008. For more information about this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- (1) Proposed activities should support Sudanese refugee repatriation and reintegration via programs in return communities in Jonglei State, Eastern Equatoria State, and Upper Nile State of southern Sudan. PRM will consider activities supporting the following: protection, health, primary education, water/sanitation, mine awareness education, gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response, and livelihoods training and establishment. PRM will not support NGO projects in FY09 that focus on information campaigns, civic education projects, “go and see” visits or other activities to prepare refugees in countries of asylum for returns. (2) Proposals should focus on areas of high refugee return where refugee returnees make up at least 50% of targeted beneficiaries in communities in Jonglei, Eastern Equatoria, and/or Upper Nile States. Proposals should specify current and projected refugee returnee population numbers in proposed locations as documented by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Southern Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (SSRRC), and/or local authorities. (3) PRM will accept proposals from any NGO that is able to satisfy these guidelines although, given our budgetary constraints, priority will be given to proposals from organizations that can demonstrate: (a) a working relationship with UNHCR and 2008/2009 UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities and/or overall country program; (b) a proven track record in providing assistance to Sudanese refugee returnees in both the sector(s) and specified location(s) covered in the submission; (c) evidence of coordination with and support from local authorities for proposed project (please note that PRM will share budget and project activity information with appropriate ministries and county commissioners in southern Sudan and with other USG entities involved with reconstruction efforts in southern Sudan); (d) evidence of coordination with development organizations in the proposed region of work and a well-developed transition strategy; and (e) appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations supporting reintegration. For

more details on this specific opportunity, please click the "Full Announcement" Grants.gov link above. For PRM's general NGO guidelines, please click the Grants.gov "How to Apply" link above. After you've read both documents, please contact Program Officer Brennan Gilmore at 202-663-1712 (gilmorebm@state.gov) with any questions. Funding opportunity announcements and PRM's general NGO guidelines are also on PRM's website. As of September 8, 2008, the closing date on this announcement is October 15, 2008. For more information on this grant opportunity, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- The Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau") welcomes the submission of proposals for the fiscal year 2009 Cultural Orientation (CO) Technical Assistance Program overseen by the Bureau. The deadline for submission of proposals is November 5, 2008. This program serves to complement the Reception and Placement Program, the purpose of which is to promote the effective resettlement of all persons who are admitted to the United States under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, including assisting refugees to achieve economic self-sufficiency through employment as quickly as possible. The goals of the CO Technical Assistance Program administered by the Bureau are: (1) to strengthen linkages between overseas cultural orientation programs and reception and placement activities; (2) to provide information and materials to overseas cultural orientation programs and to domestic refugee service providers; (3) to provide support and technical assistance to overseas cultural orientation programs on request; (4) with input from the Cultural Orientation Working Group and guidance from the Bureau, to provide feedback to overseas cultural orientation programs as needed; and (5) to provide other technical assistance requested by the Bureau, subject to availability of funds and adequate staffing levels to perform assigned tasks. The Bureau intends to award one Cooperative Agreement to a well-qualified non-profit organization with the required technical expertise in cultural orientation for an initial period beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 subject to the availability of funds. Through the Cooperative Agreement, the Bureau will provide full financial support to the selected organization, based on the proposal submitted in response to this request. This financial support may be renewable for up to two additional calendar years based upon annual budget submissions, as long as there remains a need for the program, and the organization operating the program provides satisfactory service, and subject to the availability of funds. At the end of three years, the Bureau will re-compete the program, and the recipient of this award may participate in that process. As of September 3, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is November 5, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).